

MONTANA CODE ANNOTATED

TITLE 50. HEALTH AND SAFETY CHAPTER 6. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Part 1. Development of Program

50-6-101. Legislative purpose.

The public welfare requires the providing of assistance and encouragement for the development of a comprehensive emergency medical services program for Montanans who each year are dying and suffering permanent disabilities needlessly because of inadequate emergency medical services. The repeated loss of persons who die unnecessarily because necessary life-support personnel and equipment are not available to victims of accidents and sudden illness is a tragedy that can and must be eliminated. The development of an emergency medical services program is in the interest of the social well-being and health and safety of the state and all its people.

50-6-102. Department to establish and administer program.

The department of public health and human services shall establish and administer an emergency medical services program.

50-6-103. Powers of department.

(1) The department of public health and human services is authorized to confer and cooperate with any other persons, organizations, and governmental agencies that have an interest in emergency medical services problems and needs.

(2) The department is authorized to accept, receive, expend, and administer any funds that are now available or that may be donated, granted, or appropriated to the department.

(3) The department may, after consultation with the trauma care committee, the Montana committee on trauma of the American college of surgeons, the Montana hospital association, and the Montana medical association, adopt rules necessary to implement part 4 of this chapter.

50-6-104. Interdepartmental cooperation required.

The department of public health and human services, the department of justice, and other interested departments or divisions shall develop in writing a mutually agreeable plan of cooperation so that governmental effort will not be duplicated and governmental resources will be applied on a reasonable priority basis.